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SUBJ: BREZHNEV VISIT

1. DEPARTMENT WISHES CLARIFY PHOTOGRAPH SITUATION ON BREZHNEV ARRIVAL. AT EARLIER JOINT US- USSR OFFICIAL MEETING SOVIET CHIEF OF PROTOCOL REQUESTED NO PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE BY US AND OTHERS BECAUSE ARRIVAL WAS QTE UNOFFICIAL UNQTE AND FIRMLY ESTABLISHED THEY WOULD QTE BAR UNQTE THEIR PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS. WHITE HOUSE AND STATE ESTABLISHED AT MEETING THIS UNREALISTIC FROM US POINT OF VIEW. WHITE HOUSE STATED BECAUSE BREZHNEV A GUEST IN US, WE WOULD HONOR SOVIET WISHES. WHITE HOUSE ESTABLISHED WRITING POOL ONLY. SOVIETS FROM BOTH EMBASSY AND PRESS CORPS WHO CAME WITH BREZHNEV HAD CAMERAS AND TOOK PICTURES. AT SAME TIME AMERICAN SPECTATORS WERE REPEATEDLY TOLD VIA LOUDSPEAKER NOT TO TAKE PHOTOS.

2- SOVIETS CONTINUALLY EXPRESSED ASSURANCES THAT JOURNALISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS AT AIRPORT WERE PRESENT AS PRIVATE CITIZENS. SOVIETS INFORMED US THAT OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS

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ARRIVING WITH BREZHNEV WOULD TAKE PHOTOS FOR ARCHIVES ONLY.

3. LATER IZVESTIYA REPRESENTATIVES TOOK AND OFFERED PHOTOS
TO UPI WITH VODKA AND CAVIAR. WHITE HOUSE THEN RELEASED ITS
OFFICIAL PHOTOS TO AP AND UPI ROGERS

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